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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014

Attending: P. Coffin, T. Aicardi, W. Aten; Lynn & Jim Patrick, 90 Park St; Margaret Bacon, Civil Site Engineering; Shirley Smith, Lake Nipmuc Association; Marilyn & Mike Coons, 107 Uxbridge Rd; Travis Brown, Andrews Survey & Engineering; Kevin Rudden & Parker Grant IV, Eagle Scouts.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Members discussed an Eagle Scout project with Parker Grant IV and Kevin Rudden. The project consists of the creation of trails and the construction of a 24 foot long horse bridge over Wigwam Brook in Meadow Brook Woods. The bridge will have one pier on a rock within the stream. All work will be hand dug. P. Grant provided the Commissioners with a copy of his plans. **W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve a Jurisdictional Project Determination for this project, with a negative determination for impact to the wetlands. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin opened the hearing for the Notice of Intent for 60 Uxbridge Rd at 7:45 PM. The request was for the demolition of a single family home, abandonment of an existing cesspool, construction of a new single family home with an attached garage, and the construction of a barn within the buffer zone. Erosion control will be used. The Commissioners had concerns with runoff in the backyard. They pointed out the 2:1 slope and asked that it be revised to 3:1. They also requested that the trees remain in place. They also asked that drainage on the site be reviewed and that a riprap driveway be considered instead of gravel. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to continue the Notice of Intent hearing for 60 Uxbridge Rd until September 24, 2014 to review these potential revisions and to allow time for a site visit. The motion carried unanimously.**

T. Aicardi opened the continued hearing for the Notice of Intent for 90 Park St at 8:10 PM. The request was for the construction of a single family home and septic system outside of the buffer zone, with a detached garage and pool within the buffer zone. Erosion control will be used. The hearing had been continued because the applicant had not yet heard back from the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. Jim Patrick, an abutter at 85 Park St, raised concerns about this because he did not see their filing listed on the NHESP website. M. Bacon presented a copy of the letter they received from NHESP stating that the project would not result in a "take" of state-listed species and could continue. Jim Patrick also had concerns at the previous hearing about the lot having 200 feet of frontage. The plans have since been revised to show this 200'. **W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 90 Park St as presented with a negative determination for impact to the wetlands. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin abstained.**

Members discussed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for 107 Uxbridge Rd with Marilyn and Mike Coons. Their project consists of a 15x19 addition on the back of their building. The addition will be less than 300 sq ft. It will span both floors. The fill that is dug out will be removed from the site. The Commissioners requested that they install a hay bale barrier across the back of the property and a little ways up the two sides in the back in order to contain any potential runoff. T. Aicardi sketched out this barrier for them on a copy of their plans. They requested that Marilyn and Mike call the Conservation Commission office to have this barrier inspected by the Commissioners before they begin the work. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 107 Uxbridge Road with a negative determination for impact to the wetlands, provided that the requested hay bale barrier is in place. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members discussed the status of the permit to addle the geese eggs on Lake Nipmuc with Shirley Smith. She said that the USDA Wildlife Service office out of Amherst has agreed to do the actual addling. The USDA Wildlife Service will also be handling all questions and comments for the remainder of the process.

Members discussed Chapter 91, which regulates docks and piers on water bodies, with Shirley Smith. S. Smith researched how other towns handle Chapter 91 procedures. The results were varied: some towns enforce the regulations and even have their own forms for it; others provide information on it but remain hands-off. The Commissioners decided to work with S. Smith to educate residents on Lake Nipmuc about Chapter 91 and potentially put together their own regulations for it. **All members were in agreement.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated August 27, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed NSTAR's Transmission Line Right-of-Way 13 Tree Removal Maintenance Project Environmental Notification Form. The Town of Mendon Wetlands Bylaw includes a utility exemption so that they do not need to file for this project. The Commissioners reviewed the project and gave their approval for it to continue. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Shea Engineering requesting confirmation of the expiration dates for Extension Permits for Orders of Conditions for Sylvan Springs. The expiration dates provided in the letter matched what was on file for those Orders of Conditions under Extension Permits and the Permit Extension Act. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to confirm the given expiration dates, provided that the proposed use of the land has not changed. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Commissioners determined the following future meeting dates: Thursday, October 16 & 30. **All members were in agreement.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Cameron, Administrative Clerk

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Meeting minutes of Aug 27, 2014

Jurisdictional Project Determinations for: Meadow Brook Woods Eagle Scout Project & 107 Uxbridge Rd

Notice of Intent for: 60 Uxbridge Rd

Notice of Intent & Order of Conditions for: 90 Park St

NSTAR's Transmission Line ROW 13 Tree Removal Maintenance Project Environmental Notification Form

Shea Engineering letter dated September 4, 2014 Re: Expiration Dates & Conservation Commission response letter dated September 11, 2014